

2005 International Workshop on Environmental Monitoring and Silica Dust Exposure Assessment

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Conference Overview

Millions of workers in developed and underdeveloped countries are exposed to crystalline silica. Adverse effects associated with exposure to silica dust remains an occupational health issue in many countries around the world. Characterization of silicosis risk at occupational settings with silica dust exposure using improved and standardized methods of exposure assessment is needed. At the same time, the role of silica in the causation of lung cancer is an ongoing concern. This workshop will provide a forum for researchers and practitioners in occupational health and environmental sciences to exchange new knowledge, methods, and research strategies for research or control of silica dust exposures and disease prevention.

The past workshops in this series were held in Wuhan in 1998 and 2001. This third workshop promises to expand on the success of the past two meetings, providing a forum for discussion of research needs, strategies, and opportunities for effective international collaborations on topics of (1) Environmental Dust Monitoring Methods and Comparison; (2) Physical and Chemical Characteristics of Silica Dust; (3) Epidemiological Perspectives on Silica Dust Hazards; (4) Biomarkers of Silica Dust-induced Lung Cancer and Silicosis.

The Workshop will be held immediately before the Tenth International Conference on Occupational Respiratory Diseases (organized by International Labour Office ILO, and Ministry of Health of China) on April 19-22, Beijing, China.

Call for Abstracts

The organizer of the workshop invites all interested individuals to submit abstracts for oral and poster presentations. All abstracts must be accompanied by a completed registration form. Each abstract must include: title, full name of each author (presenter's name should be underlined), and each author's institutional affiliation. The deadline for receipt of abstracts is March 15, 2005. Please send abstracts to Dr. Weihong Chen.

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Workshop Registration Fee

The fee is \$200, which will cover travel between Wuhan and Yichang and accommodation for four nights from April. 14-17.

Location

The workshop will take place at the Tongji Medical College in Wuhan; and in Yichang where the famous Three Gorges of Yangzi River are located.

Registration

Please, send the registration information below by post or E-mail to Dr. Weihong Chen at the above address. Deadline for registration is March 20, 2005.

Registration Form

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Name _____ (Last, First, Middle)

Nationality _____ Sex: _____

Profession/Title: _____

Institute/Company: _____

Address _____

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Date _____ Signature _____

For more information contact:

Please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Weihong Chen if you need additional information or assistance. We are looking forward to seeing you in Wuhan.